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This Convention was followed by large meetings in England, at which several members of Parliament and other eminent men were present, and where the sentiments and proceedings of this body were enthusiastically approved. A deputation from the Convention with an Address to the Premier, and an intimation was given that the Government would readily meet advances from others on the subject. It is proposed to hold another Convention at Paris in the ensuing month of August, to which delegations are invited from all civilized nations. We would now appeal to American citizens of every class, party and denomination, to encourage and zealously and actively in this truly beneficent work. We offer a scheme by which all the burdens, horrors and crimes of war may be forever precluded, and a state of universal peace and prosperity be introduced throughout to the advance of science and civilization. We appeal to the humanity of Pious patriots; for the practice of war is more destructive of life, comfort, liberty and virtue, than all the other corrupt customs of the world combined. We appeal to the piety of Christians; for the wide diffusion of the love of God and man enjoined in the Gospel, finds its greatest ob- stacle in war and martial preparations. We appeal to the patriotism of citizens; for we would that our country should have the glory, in all future ages, of leading in this enterprise of universal pacification, to which it is pledged by its past agency in the cause, its constant policy, its interest and the freedom of its institutions. We also appeal to the interest of commerce and the policy of Political Economists; that the enormous sums of money, hitherto wasted in war, may be employed in fertilizing the earth and securing competence to its inhabitants.

Is it asked, how can unconnected individuals give us the aid we solicit? We reply, by circulating this and other communications; by social conversation and persuasion; by participation in public meetings for this purpose; by petitions to Government; and by acquainting us with persons who are qualified and willing to proceed as our Delegates to Europe. And we would intimate to the friends of peace, that they may be blessed with wealth, but not with the leisure for personal service, that pecuniary contributions to defray expenses, are necessary to our other benevolent movements. Believing that our labours are for the good of the whole community, we trust that the magnanimity of the affluent will not permit them to be given in great sacrifice to ourselves; and that we shall receive from their cheerful and sufficient contributions.

In any of the modes now pointed out, all who aid or cooperate with us, will become truly and efficiently "Peace makers"; and as such, will receive from the Prince of Peace the appellation of "The Children of God."

- ROBERT WATERBURY, BRADFORD SUMNER, AMASA WALKER, WALTER CHANNING, JOSEPH P. BLANCHARD, GEORGE C. BECKWITH, CHARLES SUMNER, JAMES CRYSTAL, WARREN BURTON, SAMUEL G. HOWE, FREDERICK W. HOLLAND, GEORGE MERRILL, Wm. C. BROWN, ASA FITZ, JAMES WEAVER, CHARLES B. FAIRBANKS, ALBERT TOLMAN, THOMAS DREW, JR., E. H. JACKSON, L. S. STODDARD, American Committee for a Congress of Nations. Boston, February 12, 1849.

CONGRESS.—The proceedings of Congress since our last issue have been of little importance. The votes for President and Vice President have been counted in the presence of both Houses, and Taylor and Fillmore officially pronounced elected. The Bill for establishing a Board of Commissioners on Claims has been lost, and one creating a new Department of the Government has passed the House. This latter provides for a Secretary of the Interior, with a Commissioner of Customs to superintend the custom revenue throughout the Union, and an assistant Secretary of the Treasury. We copy reports of the debates on the Slavery question, in which the House, not without profit if it is to be hoped, passes its time, and the report also of a debate in the Senate on flagging. The careful reader will observe that the most strenuous advocates for the cat-o-nine-tails on ship-board were those who are accustomed to the cart-whip on the plantation. Mr. Calhoun and his compatriots, who believe in the necessity of scourging women of the working class on the bare back, can conceive of no other discipline among labouring men anywhere. The plantation system they believe the true one, and would reduce it to practice everywhere where the general government holds sway. That the system has been successfully established at Washington, in both Houses of Congress we need no evidence at this late day, but we do not remember to have seen a more striking instance of it than was displayed in the occurrence complained of by Mr. Ashmun. It hardly needed a Southern Convention to whip a House, which would submit to such an act of overseism, into plantation order.

MR. GREELEY'S BOOKS.—The Hon. Horace Greeley has transmitted his share of the Congressional books of Mayor Haverley as a donation to the citizens of New York. After expressing in a letter to the Mayor, his approval of the publication and distribution of such works by Congress, and declaring that, in his opinion, they should be so diffused as to benefit the people at large, he says: "If the noble Free Library for which our city is to be indebted to the wise munificence of John Jacob Astor were now in the addition of these books to the contents of the Library; but since it is not, and in view of the probability that our principal Libraries of established fame and usefulness have been already supplied from among the numerous sets of these books hitherto voted to our city, I will venture to mention your Academy as among the institutions deserving consideration in the disposal of this public property. Mr. Greeley's vote and his reason therefor in regard to this matter have been a good deal commented upon, but nobody, we presume, will be hypercritical enough to complain of the use which he has finally made of this Congressional perquisite.

ZACHARY TAYLOR, M. D.—The Albany correspondent of the Evening Post says that at the recent session of the New York State Medical Society the following Preamble and Resolution were offered to that body by a member: "Whereas, the Medical Society of the State of New York recognize in General Taylor a man of great talents, who would never leave behind him sick and wounded, sentiments eminently honourable to him, and characteristic of the true discipline of humanity, and committing to him the lance, the brooding profession, and, whereas, they deem it meet to signalize said declaration, therefore, be it resolved, that the name of Zachary Taylor be presented to the Hon. the Regents of the University, for the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Medicine."

Sir Astley Cooper, we think it was, who said that a surgeon would only arrive at eminence in his profession by wading through an ocean of blood. The Sangrado of the New York Medical Society evidently agree with him, though their understanding of the way in which the gory path lies differs somewhat from that of the distinguished surgeon. So that the blood is shed it matters little to them in what manner. To hew off arms and legs is the object, whether it be with the sword or surgical instrument. It is not, that we know of, reckoned among the discoveries of modern science that a man may have his brains blown out, or his head taken off, as a sanitary measure; but the New York Medical Society are evidently not disposed to draw the line with too much severity, and considering probably that the result is the same, whatever may be the end proposed, in their own profession and that of "Old Zack," they deem him as worthy as themselves of the degree by which they are distinguished. However, unfortunately for the honour of Medical science, which we are sorry to believe, in this State, is not in the hands of men who are altogether governed by the progressive spirit of the age, the most liberal portion of the body were disappointed in not being able to pass the Preamble and Resolution. The best they could do was to have them serially entertained, and to obtain an expression of the

continued. But, sir, if there can be found no reason for abolishing this barbarism, we shall have the alternative of this relic of barbarism. It cannot be sustained without abolishing the whole; or to try the humane experiment of knocking it out, and the lash; and if it failed, as he knew it could not fail, at any time enough to fall back upon this disgraceful punishment.

MR. BUTLER thought that this was a most fearful experiment. Is there anything in the experience of the English, French, and Russian, who have had the experience of their own officers to be regarded; nothing in the history of mental derangement, which is the subject of an irresponsible multitude? [We suppose Mr. Butler meant that a responsible officer should not act upon this subject without a full understanding of the matter, and that mere reprimands and bread and water would not avail as a punishment for the refractory and disobedient.]

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Poetry.

From the Evening Post.
MAN.
Translated from the German, by John F. Van Eden Hollermann.
O! what is man?—half brute, half angel,
Small, pitious, needy,—glorious, great!

Miscellany.

The Daughter of the Ricarree.
TRANSLATED FROM THE GERMAN.
BY JULIETTE BAUER.
From the Liberty Bell.
A burning September sun shot its ardent rays
On the large sugar and cotton plantations of Louisiana.

us, gagged and bound me, lifted me on a horse and
galloped in breathless haste towards the Mississippi.
The speed at which we proceeded deprived me of
consciousness, and when I recovered I was lying
dark-looking man was writing out a bill of sale of
me; he then carried my poor Saise to a canoe
which he rowed.

Gabriele, said her father, I am tired of this; Mr.
St. Clyde leave the nigger to herself, it does not be-
come a white man—
Mr. Beaufort!
Certainly, the girl is this gentleman's runaway
slave.

An hour later, Duxon and Pitwell stood together
on the shore.
Pitwell, said the former, we must go to-morrow.
Old Beaufort grew suspicious. Only fancy,—he
wants to buy the girl,—and when I refused to sell
her, grew angry and told me in an hour I was to
bring my accounts, and I might go. I am not sorry,
for when he does it, so suddenly, there are many
things he will not discover to be wrong. To-mor-
row morning I shall be ready; in four days we must
be in Texas.

had become indifferent to all that used to be dear
to him, before George, I would put on a pinna-
cle little jacket—but no, it is a natural incapacity
the Latin Grammar.
If you could see his grammar, it is a
curiosity of dog's eyes. The leaves and all
curled and ragged. Many of the pages are
away, with the rabbling of his elbows as he
flung over the hopeless volume, with the blowing
of the wind, or with the poor
You see him wiping them away with
back of his hand, as he tries and tries, and
When I think of that Latin Grammar, an
infernal As in Presenti, and of other things
I was made to learn in my youth: upon a
science I am surprised that we ever survived!
When one thinks of the boys who have been
because they could not master that horrible
Good Lord, what a trifling chorus these peo-
ple are set, and only who those who won't learn
masters, and only who those who won't learn
(ourselves), but the boy was so little affected
would have thought he had taken chloro-
form; he was weary of whipping, and leaves
to his own gate. Prince, when he hears
and who cannot help making fun of a fool,
your brilliant intellect has enabled you to
the difference between those words which ge-
nians have defined as substantial and ad-
jectives—If not, perhaps Mr. Ferdinand,
will instruct you? And Timmins hops over
head.
I wish Prince would leave off girding
poor lad. He's an only son, and his mot-
word woman, who loves him with all her
There is a famous sneer about the sucking fish
the chondrich of small beer; but remember
a rascal who uttered it."—Thackeray's Dr.

Gleanings from Foreign Publications.
On Saturday evening Dr. Bowring left South-
ampton, bound for Alexandria, on his
Canton.
Alexandre Dumas, who boasted that he earned
a year by his pen, has declared himself insolv-
ent, and that he had sold his rights in the
of his effect, and sought the protection
of the courts.—Jerrald's News.
Dr. Knox (Medical Times) describes the
"the fair-haired, blue-eyed race, the fairest race
earth; perhaps the only absolutely fair race
ever occupied the surface of the globe."
The Saxon," says Dr. Knox (Medical Times)
on a few Scandinavian or northern airs, and
national; being without a musical ear generally
thinks them beautiful, as by habit people eat
of tobacco."
The flogging of an English sailor on board
dog at Civita Vecchia," writes the Roman cor-
respondent of the Daily News, "has brought to dis-
cussion our character as a civilized people."
In a lecture at the Cardiff Athenaeum, Mr.
Balfour said: "Hannah More was not afflu-
ent to her high position from the drudgeries of a
life; her father taught her Latin and mathem-
atics, started, frightened at his own success.
Wou-
acted so towards a son?"
In a recent letter General Sir W. Napier says
requires a stern organization, fitted to raise
the ordinary weaknesses, wants, and emo-
tion; it will not admit of delicate conces-
sions, nor of nice sensibilities; the soldier
or die."
THE FAMILY OF CHANNING.—Among the pri-
soners sentenced to transportation for joining
mouth's rebellion, in 1855, were four persons of
the name of Channing, namely Roger, Thomas, William
and John. The biographer of Dr. Channing does not
with the pedigree of his subject beyond the gran-
dfather. This notice may assist him a step further
than Althorpe.
One "J. J. Flournoy," a "respectable" slave
we suppose, has written to Douglass's News-
paper how inferior he (this Flournoy) was to
Douglass, for this is the letter commenced:
AND FRED. DOUGLASS.—I like not to mislead
myself by writing to negroes, that I know my mind
Misgivings himself! He exclaims Jerrald's
Dr. McGhee, in his Nation, blames the
very pleasantly, mixing therewith some truth
the high art of blarney. He especially admires
the enforcement of the doctrine of President
A word should precede "citizens," viz. "a
distinction—of course not—Slavery is un-
WHITTINGTON CLUB.—On Thursday evening
George Thompson, Esq. concluded, before a
large audience, an interesting course of lectures
value and importance of India as a nation,
the British empire." These lectures, from
which they have attended them, the applause
they have received, and the interest they
city—appear to have given universal satisfac-
tion; it is a bare act of justice to the Hon. gen-
eral that they have been gratuitously delivered.
AN ELIGIBLE OPPORTUNITY.—The papers
of a "highly eligible opportunity" offered by the state
of California, and we may expect to find a
own "Citizens" adopted as a common basis
of settlement. All sorts of owners of all sorts
are advertising their willingness to place their
say nothing of their connexions—at the service
of a free man. One of the richest
the term richest in its face rather than in
fact. We have yet heard of a pro-
the public to come forward and employ a num-
ber of pot-licks—there is no objection in
in quartz, and hence we are justified in
put-lick—now waiting at California.—Punch.
PRIMITIVE AND MODERN CHRISTIANITY.—C
as exemplified in primitive times, was a
source and an end in itself, and man, re-
fracting all the banks between heaven and
earth, manifesting his virtues in every sphere and in
payment of every-day life. It cannot be con-
sidered as displayed by us as a much less
it talks rather than performs. It is ever be-
coming itself—to do nothing in particular—
to be a hindrance to a view to sin. The
he found it very difficult to suffer to remain—
says enterprises of beneficence it goes to the
Nonconformity.
DEATH OF MR. CADELL.—We (Edinbur-
ough) sincerely regret to announce the death
of Mr. Cadell, Esq. an eminent publisher, which
at Ratho house, on Saturday, at half-past three
of a publisher in this city; first as a par-
tially-known firm of Constable and Co. and
by himself. He was a gentleman of the highest
and honored in his profession, and a most pa-
triotic and liberal citizen. His various connex-
ions, who are now widely scattered, are all
right conduct to his enterprise and skill, and
joined to his enterprise and skill, and
name with the literary history of our nation.
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